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A JULY FAVORITE...THE ANNUAL PICNIC

There's something special about a picnic, whether it be sandwiches in the backyard or the gourmet fare suggested by Julia Childs. Members of the Society are invited to bring their picnic - plain or fancy - to the Society grounds Saturday, July 12, at 4:30 p.m. Be casual and spread the picnic on the lawn or bring a table and dine more formally.

To add to the pleasure of summer dining with friends, a delightful program has been arranged. Children of the 4th grade at Haddonfield's Central School went on their own Walking Tour of Haddonfield. What they saw and what they learned has been recorded on film and tape. See Haddonfield through the eyes of our children; hear their descriptions. You'll be pleased and surprised.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Michel changed their vacation plans to accept the Society's invitation to give one more performance of their special concert, "A Musical History of America." The political and economic development of the U. S. has been well documented, but what was America's musical taste 200 years ago? How did it evolve? These are the questions the Michels asked. The answers may be heard on July 12th when Joan and Allen Michel perform at the Annual Picnic.

ON DISPLAY JULY 4TH - A BICENTENNIAL QUILT

For those who appreciate originality of design and excellence of workmanship, the quilt done by Mrs. James Bennett, now of Haddonfield, will be something they will really want to see. The quilt will be on display in the Herbert Leicht Room Sunday, July 4th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Since Mrs. Bennett already had a quilt on her quilting frame, she worked the squares for the Bicentennial quilt without any support. Mrs. Bennett confessed to having had a little help. Her husband blew up the designs from letterhead size to the dimensions Mrs. Bennett planned to use.

A one-of-a-kind quilt, Mrs. Bennett is happy to lend it to the Society for this once-in-a-century anniversary. Do come to see an original masterpiece.

IDEA FOR A SUNNY DAY

Recently Mayor Reynolds said of Haddonfield, "Our town is an attraction in its own right. It deserves to be known better and appreciated more."

One way to know the town is to take a walk - a long walk or a short stroll. There is much to see - Kings Highway, Potter Street, Roberts Avenue, Tanner Street, Lake Street, Washington Avenue or Warwick Road. History is to be read in the homes and the varied styles of architecture.

Even more history is to be seen and savored at Greenfield Hall. Here, assisted by one of the Society's volunteer hostesses, one may trace through domestic utensils, farm implements, furniture, china, glass and silver, clothes and linens the evolution of Haddonfield from a small Quaker settlement in the wilderness to a modern 20th century suburban town.

Greenfield Hall will be open on Sunday afternoons in July and August from 1:00 to 4:00; and, in recognition of the importance of this Bicentennial year, the normal weekday schedule - Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. - will be continued during the summer.

To know Haddonfield through personal acquaintance with its streets, its homes, its founders and its traditions can only heighten one's sense of appreciation of a community which maintained its integrity while at the same time accepting progress gracefully and using it skillfully to maintain or improve the quality of life enjoyed here.

REFLECTIONS ON FURNISHINGS

Sometimes an object becomes so much a part of a room, it is almost impossible to visualize the room without it. Can you imagine the Front Parlor without the large glass-front chest-on-chest with its display of Jersey glass, tumblers, monteiths and silver? Or the Victorian Parlor without the Empire secretary desk?

Both handsome and important pieces - which would be "sorely missed" - will remain where they are. Earlier this year Mary Bergen Pennypacker, a long-time member and benefactor of the Society, gave the two magnificent chests to the Society. Until then, both were on loan. Mrs. Pennypacker has also given the library many interesting and unusual pictures, broadsides and correspondence about the Haddonfield of an earlier day.

A GIFT WHICH WILL KEEP ON GROWING

What could be more appropriate as an adornment for an historical society than an herb garden? Herbs - with their myths and legends; their magic and their witchery; their restorative, curative and beautifying powers - have an ancient and honorable history extending beyond writing and into time.

An herb garden, the gift of the Haddonfield Garden Club, is beginning to flourish between the library wing of Greenfield Hall and the Samuel Mickle House. After consulting drawings and plans of 18th century gardens, Mrs. J. Howard Branson, President of the Garden Club, found one - a circle within a square - in one of her books "Old London Gardens." This design could be adapted to the limited size of the plot and, even better for gardeners, all parts were easily accessible for planting, pruning and harvesting.

According to Mrs. Branson an important consideration in selecting the herbs to be planted was ease of maintenance. Among the perennials now growing are chives, bergamot, lavender, woodruff, savory, several varieties of thyme, sage and mint, tansey, valerion, hyssop, feverfew, dill and many others.

Watching the garden grow has been a source of interest to neighbors and casual strollers. The Historical Society is truly grateful to the Garden Club for its generosity in giving a gift which not only enhances the charm of the grounds but which also provides a touch of beauty and tangy fragrance for all to enjoy.

THE SAMUEL MICKLE HOUSE

Visitors to Haddonfield almost invariably stop and look at the Samuel Mickle House and then walk around it looking into the windows, hoping someone will be there to let them inside.

Getting the interior ready for visitors is the main concern of General Thomas H. Lipscomb, Chairman of the Samuel Mickle House Interior Restoration Fund Drive.



An 18th century herb garden. The post in the center of this picture will soon be crowned with a bee skep. The garden, a gift from the Garden Club, owes its present state of health to the ministrations of Mr. & Mrs. J. Howard Branson and Mr. B. Dexter Streeter.

SAMUEL MICKLE HOUSE (Continued)

Based on plans drawn up by Society architectural consultant Louis H. Goettelmann, the cost is estimated to be between \$23,000 and \$24,000. A pamphlet containing information about how and why the money is to be used and when the building will be ready is, according to Gen. Lipscomb, being prepared now.

It is always encouraging to start a drive with advance gifts, and Gen. Lipscomb has word that a generous grant has already been pledged. He will announce this special gift when the Samuel Mickle House Interior Restoration Drive is formally inaugurated.

PIPE THE FIFES AND BEAT THE DRUMS FOR - THE HISTORIC VILLAGE FAIR

A fairer day for the Annual Village Fair could not have been imagined, and fair workers, visitors and guests were certainly "in tune" with the "beautiful day in June" nature provided.

Since there are still some bills outstanding, exact expense and profit figures are not yet available. Educated estimates indicate the profit to be about \$4,000.00.

"Perhaps not as good as last year," commented Ms. Ruby Oberst, Chairperson of the Women's Committee, "but there are so many activities scheduled for this year of 1976, people may have spread themselves a bit thin. What is important to us is that we did provide a pleasant and happy day for everyone involved - visitors and our own workers."

"And most important of all," continued Ms. Oberst, "was the wonderful cooperation we received before, during and after the Fair. Without that kind of support, our Fair would not be successful. We are most appreciative; and - to one and all - our most sincere thanks."

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